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FIRST JEWISH CHANCELLOR IN THE HISTORY OF AUSTRIA.-Bruno Kreisky-59, on the right, anti-Marxist leader of Austria's Socialists, who has become head of the Government of Vienna. He is being congratulated by Chancellor Joseph Klaus, centre, head of the Conservative Populist party.

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Commentary

by M.J. NURENBERGER

Pompidou the primadonna

During his visit to Washington, French President Pompidou, in the most flowery phraseology to which his language lends itself, stressed that "nothing essential divides us" from the United States. In his very pragmatic and extremely polite American English, President Nixon did not share this evaluation of present Washington-Paris rapport: the president did stress "la différence".

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For example, the French President very dexterously avoided committing himself to the American suggestion that Paris support the U.S. appeal for a renewal of an absolute ceasefire in the Middle East. His very elegant and hypocritical answer was:

". . . It is evident that the situation is not ripe for an appeal to a ceasefire according to conditions as France sees them."

Thus Pompidou, with a French accent, echoed the Moscow attitude in words less rude than Russia's but also less candid.

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When Pompidou was asked about France ' position between Israel and the Arab states, for a moment he forgot his Parisian manners. He said the capital of France is neither Cairo nor Tel Aviv. He avoided to admit that the Arabs now are being given arms refused the Israelis.

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What is it really that Pompidou sought in Washington?

First, he needed some publicity very badly.

French public opinion has not accepted his pro-Arab policy. The Frenchmen are very sensitive to Jewish public opinion in the United States and they overtly expected a much stronger demonstration of Jewish protest than actually took place.

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However Pompidou actually tried to obtain from Nixon an approval for France' new policy: the Mediterranean is French area of influence. To this the American president did not agree; he did not accept it despite the fact that Pompidou was "very mild" on Vietnam.

This perhaps is the most important point to remember. It means the United States will keep its commitments in the Middle East and will not approve as valid the French translation of Russia's anti-Israeli position in its dealings with the Arab countries.

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At the conclusion of his visit, Pompidou, who rose to prominence in France during the notorious students-riots, dared insult the Americans for a most dignified demonstration against his betrayal of the most cherished traditions of France.

He insinuated that United States' Jews – who had built New York, who had helped make America what it is today and who had fought for the liberation of France – are less worthy of the friendship of the French than are the Libyans, Moroccans or Algerians.

One must reject with disdain and contempt the insinuation that these demonstrations – the most peaceful protests in the history of the United States, against Pompidou and *for* France – are "a stain upon America's face."

The truth is, Pompidou is a stain upon the visage of France, a blot which will not blur the French image despite his atrocious behavior. For France, eternal France, is the oldest ally of the Jewish people – despite Laval and Pompidou.

Despite Diplomatic Niceties

NO PARIS-WASHINGTON DEAL

Report from Quebec City

LEADERS DISCUSS JEWISH POSITION

Quebec City.—The same day Quebec newspapers carried the sensational banner headline featuring provincial Finance Minister Beaulieu's threat that Quebec will become independent within two-three years unless Ottawa changes its policy, The Canadian Jewish News and other newspapers printed on their front page the statement by Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region, demanding linguistic duality in education.

The fact that the Canadian Jewish Congress declared in its press statement that it is "recognized as the official spokesman of Quebec's 130,000 Jews" created some comment on Quebec City's Parliament Hill. This newspaper assigned a special reporter to interview several prominent French Canadians to this issue.

Some French political leaders, who know that on the issue of so-called linguistic equality there are different opinions within the Jewish community, were surprised by such a declaration.

A leading member of the Quebec legislature told our reporter that, were it not for the fact that he knows the "Congress" to be a voluntary public relations organization only and not a democratically elected representation, he would have taken this statement seriously. Also he and others know that in Canada, a democratic country, it is only the elected representatives of the people who "officially" represent all Quebeckers, including the Jews.

However, the problem of linguistic duality and the demand that the French and English educational systems must be absolutely equal are considered by some Quebec political personalities as support for the present system which rejects the aspiration of the majority of the people of Quebec for the predominance of French in its cultural life.

This reporter spoke to members of the legislature who represent parties that differ on the problem of separatism versus federalism. However they do not oppose each other on one issue: the majority agrees that French must become the first language of the province; otherwise it would be submerged by English, especially in Montreal. They also know that within the Jewish community there are those who already have made an effort to establish Jewish schools where French is the language of instruction for most secular subjects and religious study is conducted in Hebrew. Such day schools enjoy the support of many Quebec intellectuals.

Furthermore some Quebeckers question the statement of the Congress wherein it speaks of cultural pluralism while believing religious pluralism should be the issue: the right of all religious groups to schools where traditions are taught but which should make an effort to integrate the young within this predominantly French speaking society.

This newspaper also has learned that, although very little publicity concerning "linguistic duality" is given the debate within the Jewish community, many favor a stronger emphasis on French, they would like to see more subjects taught in that language in all Jewish day schools.

Not only are most of the 15,000 or so Montreal Jews, whose mother tongue is French orientated on a predominantly French school system, but many younger Quebec Jews who have little connection with such organizations as the Canadian Jewish Congress are having a new look upon the entire issue.

In fact, there is general agreement in Quebec City, among the politicians, that within the Jewish community a much more progressive attitude is noticeable towards the supremacy of French than among other minorities in the province. Of course, the fact that English must play an important role in any educational system, because of Quebec's geographical position on the North American continent and as part of Canada, also is accepted by most.

This newspaper has learned that important meetings may be held within the next few weeks at which time this problem will be discussed, especially by French speaking Jews.

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REJECTS WITH CONTEMPT POMPIDOU DECLARATION.-Menahem Begin, leader of Herut and one of the most prominent Cabinet ministers of Israel. Israel also ridiculed reports in Paris Soir that Pompidou convinced Nixon he (Pompidou) was right about Libya and the Middle East.

AMERICA WILL NOT TOLERATE TOTAL FRENCH DOMINATION IN MEDITERRANEAN

(by the CJN diplomatic editor)

Diplomatic observers in Washington noted at the conclusion of President Georges Pompidou's visit to the United States, that twice during his stay, the Paris leader changed his statements about Israel and Jews. Experts see in these variations Pompidou's complete surrender to anti-Israeli-Arab governments.

During his first appearance in the United States, at the National Press Club in Washington, Pompidou spoke of recognizing the right of Israel as it is – to live in peace. This statement must have aroused the wrath of his best customers in Tripoli. However, in Chicago and San Francisco the French President went on record to demand an Israel not "religously or racially" a Jewish state. This is the Al Fatah line.

Also, diplomats maintain Pompidou expected stronger anti-French protest than actually occurred. He used the used the last demonstrations as a pretext to cancel his appointment with Jewish leaders as well as an appeasement gesture towards Arabs whose diplomatic representatives demanded from him the antisemitic pound of flesh.

In Tel Aviv, Menahem Begin, leader of Herut and Minister Without Portfolio, one of Israel's staunchest friends of France, ridiculed Pompidou's statement demanding recognition of Israel.

"Israel does not need Pompidou's recognition; it existed before him. Furthermore its victories are not sterile. Because of our military successes which Pompidou treats with disdain, we have survived."

French President Georges Pompidou did not convince President Richard Nixon that his policy regarding the Arab world should be shared by the United States. In fact the State Department, in an almost unprecedented move after President Pompidou's termination of his State visit, acknowledged that Nixon's statement – "We have not agreed on everything" – covers the subject.

Despite all amenities during this important visit and after three days of conferences between Nixon and Pompidou and their respective Foreign Ministers, Rogers and Schumann, Nixon remains adamant on his positions: Vietnam and the Middle East.

- The United States will not surrender unconditionally to the Viet Cong.
- The United States will not give up its interest in the Middle East.

Rumors in the American capital, disseminated by French officials to the effect that France finally would deliver the fifty Mirages to Israel (paid for a long time ago), have not been confirmed. Nor has there been any confirmation of another French-spread rumor that the United States would pressure Israel into accepting a refund for the undelivered planes so that Jerusalem can pay for the Phantoms.

Other reports related to the Middle East situation:

- In Montreal, the International Air Transport Association expressed full support for calling an air safety conference proposed by the Swiss Government.
- In Jerusalem, sources expressed their disappointment in the position taken by the British Overseas Airways Corporation which had refused to handle freight or mail to Israel. They said this is BOAC's surrender to Arab terrorism.

The international community is now aware of Israel's position: that it will hold responsible all Arab countries harboring hijackers and airplane assassins for any further incidents.

Information from West Germany claims that at least one of the three known air criminals has arrived in Cairo where he is in hiding, in connivance with the Egyptian government.

Unconfirmed news from Cairo states that the terrorist has been executed with the knowledge of Eyptian authorities, in order to obliterate all traces leading to conspirators.

Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister, who last week concluded his tour of Western Europe, told the Paris newspaper Le Monde that "before a change occurs in our relations with France, France must change her policy." He also said that he was convinced by the government of Bonn that West German-Israeli relations are solid and immunized against any attack from abroad. Israeli relations, he stated, will not be affected by chancellor Willy Brandt's new negotiations with Eastern European countries.

PRESSURE ON SOVIET JEWS

There is a concerted effort afoot in Russia today to force prominent Jews to make strident anti-Israeli statements.

Last weekend the New York Times reported from Moscow that two Soviet generals, who are Jews, have "denounced" in Pravda and Izvesia, Zionism and the State of Israel.

A. Dragunsky, chief of a Soviet military school, is quoted as saying: ". . .from the bottom of my heart I protest against the predatory policy of the Israeli aggressors. . .against the activity of those who are dragging the people of Israel into the abyss of war. . .I should like to remind Moshe Dayan that the military dictionary also knows such words as defense, retreat and flight. It might be that the Israeli army will have to use them some time."

* Izvestia recently featured an article by Colonel General Alexandr Tsirlin, also Jewish, who compared Zionism with Hitler-racialism. Tsirlin, according to the New York Times, declared that Russia would help its Arab allies until such time as the Israelis ceased their "aggression."

* The editor of Russia's Yiddish literary journal, Sovietish Hayml and, Aaron Vergelis, also joined the new campaign against Israel, by arguing that Zionism "is the enemy of the Jewish people because it causes friction between them." Vergelis said that Israel was no Garden of Eden and that Russian Jews do not want to emigrate.

come so strong against Russian Jews that it has forced The Chief Rabbi of Moscow, Yehuda-Leib Levin, to come out with his own anti-Zionist diatribe. The Rabbi, according to Izvestia, reportedly stated that American Jews were being deceived about the condition of Russian Jews "by Zionist propaganda, the basest lies." He did not, however, deny that antisemisitism exists in Russia.

Diplomatic observers see the latest anti-Israel campaign and the Jewish participation in it as a means of preparing public opinion for an increase of Soviet military aid to Egypt. The current villification of Israel is taking the form of daily press reports of rallies denouncing Israel and the United States. The Times observes that letters from persons with obviously Jewish names have filled newspaper columns with praise of life in the Soviet Union.

CJN EDITOR INTERVIEWED BY FRENCH CANADIANS

M. J. Nurenberger, editor and publisher of the Canadian Jewish News, was interviewed recently by Québec-Presse, a Montreal French language Sunday paper.

Jacques Keable, a well known Quebec journalist who conducted the interview, described Mr. Nurenberger as "a thinking Jew who is conscious of the serious problems that Quebec is facing today."

In his remarks Mr. Nurenberger noted that Jews in Quebec have always enjoyed religious, social and economic freedom. "It is no accident," he said, "that it is Montreal and not some other part of Canada that has become a home for the most important Jewish community in the country."

On the question of French rights in Quebec, the editor of the Canadian Jewish News said that his sympathies were neither separatist nor anti-separatist. He recognized, however, that French Canadians must guard their language rights lest cities like Montreal become a kind of New Orleans.

Asked about the Jewish identification with English Canada, Mr. Nurenberger stated: "I have no particular allegiance to the English language. The Jewish community owes nothing to English culture as such.

The Bible was not written in English."

Mr. Nurenberger also condemned the rumor mongering which suggests that Jewish people are leaving Quebec. If any capital is leaving the province, he said, it is French Canadian.

As to education, the editor of the Canadian Jewish News asserted that it was desirable to have Jewish schools where the language of instruction was French and where Hebrew studies would also be incorporated in the curriculum. The current problem, he argues, stemmed from the fact that Jewish children have been integrated into the Protestant English language system.

"This phenomenon has produced a lot of misunderstanding." he stated, "and that is why I founded the magazine Nouveau Monde, so that there might be a rapprochement between Jews and French Canadians."

AMERICAN JEWS PROTEST FRENCH DOUBLECROSS

LEMBERG JEWS BARRED FROM SYNAGOGUES

(JCNS) Soviet police have forcibly closed down two minyanim (prayer meetings) in the former Polish, now Ukrainian, city of Lvov, where there are an estimated 40,000 Jews, a JCNS Special Correspondent on East European Affairs reports.

The city's only synagogue was shut in the early 'sixties, after a press campaign almost unprecedented in its viciousness. It was alleged the synagogue had served as a center for black market activities, speculators, tricksters and so forth -- with anti-Soviet activities thrown in for good measure.

With the closure of the only two known and officially tolerated minyanim, Jews have been prevented from praying in Lvov for only the second time in nearly one thousand years. The last occasion was under the Nazi occupation in 1943 and 1944.

TORONTO SYNAGOGUES AND ORGANIZATIONS

MEMORIAL

The Zionist Revisionist Organization will be holding a memorial meeting on the "Shloshim" of the passing of Aryeh Ben Eliezer M.K., speaker of the Knesset, former second-command of the Irgun, and vice-chairman of Herut-Hatzohar.

It will take place Thursday evening March 5, 1970 at the Toronto Zionist Center, 188 Marlee Ave., in the Haifa Room.

TEMPLE SINAI

Temple Sinai will feature the first Canadian presentation of a new musical service for Friday evening, on March 13th.

Mr. Steinberg the composer is one of Toronto's best known Jewish musicians, and has become noted for his Synagogue compositions, his playing, conducting, and his lecturing on Jewish music. Last June he conducted both orchestra and massed choirs at Temple Sinai's performance of newly-discovered 17th and 18th century Synagogue music.

Congregation B'Nai Torah of Willowdale, Metropolitan Toronto's youngest orthodox synagogue will celebrate the dedication of its new sanctuary during the weekend of March 13 through 15.

The northward shift in population has brought many young orthodox families to the Willowdale area, making the erection of a new and permanent shul imperative. Construction began in the spring of 1969 and was completed in the fall. The new building, at 465 Patricia Avenue near Bathurst Street contains a main sanctuary, four classrooms, a Beis Hamidrash and a Sisterhood hall.

Rabbi Dr. Sholom Gold has been spiritual leader of B'Nai Torah since 1966. Rabbi Gold came to Toronto in 1959 to establish the Ner Israel Yeshiva College and now serves as principal.

B'NAI TORAH

The officers of B'Nai Torah are: Martin Chasson, Immediate Past President; Albert Engel, President, Miles Halberstadt, First Vice President; Jack Kahn, Second Vice, President, Frank Mayer, Secretary; John Saunders, Treasurer. Members of the Board are: Jerry Abraham, Gerald Barron, Gedalie Blau, Chaim Cohen, Irving Eisner, Paul Halberstadt, Joe Mammon, Jack Martell, Mike Smaye, Marvin Nenner, Jack Rubenstein and Dr. Phillip Weitz. Dr. Bernard Ansel and Irving Eisner are Co-Youth Chairman, Gerald Barron, Chairman of Building Committee: Jerry Abraham, Membership; Jack Kahan, Fund raising: Charles Bergson, Constitution; Paul Halberstadt, House Chairman; Dr. Phillip Weitz, Cultural Chairman; Dr. B. Ansel is Parness and Menhard Schonblum is Gabbai; Miles Halberstadt is Chairman of the Dedication Weekend.

Officers of the sisterhood are Frumie Feder, President, Carol Kravetsky and Dora Schonblum, Vice Presidents; Susan Kahn; Treasurer; Judy Maimon, Secretary. Immediate Past President is Rebecca Mammon. Members of the board are: Joyce Barron, Lorraine Bergson and Symee Citron. Mrs. Sholom Gold is Sisterhood Advisor. Committee heads are: Barbara Engel, Membership and Programme, Dora Schonblum, Liason; Zippora Cohen, Publicity; Ruth Weitz, contact; Rebecca Mammon, Gift Shop: Rosalie Wenner,

BETH TORAH

Masada chapter of the Fraband of Lithuanian Jews will hold a banquet to commemorate 25 years of liberation of European Jews on Sunday evening, March 22nd at the Beth Torah congregation, 47 Glenbrook Avenue. The guest speaker will be Mr. Avraham Shafir, representative of the Jewish Agency for Ontario. Conveners for this program, the proceeds of which go to Israel are: Mrs. R. Lichtblau, Mrs. H. Derlachter and Mrs. J. Gawendo.

LABOUR ZIONIST

The Music of Israel in Song and Dance, will be presented under the auspices of the Labor Zionist Movement of Canada Sunday evening March 8th, in celebration of Jewish Music Month, at the Labor Zionist Centre, 12 Viewmount Avenue.

The program will include modern Israeli songs and dances, as well as audience participation.

BROTHERHOOD SERVICE

B'nai Israel Beth David Brotherhood held their Annual Brotherhood Service and Oneg Shabbat recently. The guest speaker was the well-known radio and television personality, Mr. Charles Templeton. Mr. Alfred Pilch, Brotherhood president, brought greetings from the Brotherhood. Youth awards were presented to the following for their outstanding work during the 1969-70 season: The Fay Wise Award presented to Terry Stone, by David Zuckerbrot, Synagogue Youth Chairman; The Tefillin Club Award presented to Morry Edelstein, by Ralph Fen, Youth Director; The Rabbi Albert Pappenheim Award presented to Ted Hoffman, by Alfred Pilch, Brotherhood president.

The Adult Education Committee of B'nai Israel Beth David Congregation held another lecture in its Contemporary Affairs Institute, Thursday, March 5, with Dr. Arnold Ages, University of Waterloo, as the guest speaker. His topic was "Anti-Zionism and Anti-Semitism -- are they identical?"

CHOSEN AS HAMILTON NEGEV DINNER HONOREE: DR. Meyer Carr will be the guest of honour of the 1970 Hamilton Negev Dinner, Sidney Pollock, President of the Jewish National Fund Council of Hamilton, announced recently. The dinner will be held at the Adas Israel Synagogue, Hamilton, on May 31st, 1970.

Dr. Carr is a co-founder of the Hamilton Council of Jewish Organizations, the United Jewish Welfare Fund, the Jewish Community Centre and the Beverley Golf and Country Club. He has been a board member of the Beth Jacob Synagogue, The Jewish Welfare Fund, the Council of Jewish Organizations and the Red Feather Services. He has served as president of the Jewish Social Services, the Council of Jewish Organizations, the Lord Reading Chapter of B'nai B'rith and the Beverley Golf and Country Club. He was also instrumental in the creation and development of the Jewish DAy Nursery School Jewish Day Nursery School and the Summer Home Camp (now Camp Kadimah).

THE 7 DAYS

RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN STRAINED

Jerusalem (JCNS) - Britain's "repeated assertions" that she considers her ties with Israel as very important do not accord with her refusal to help Israel to maintain an arms balance or with Britain's conduct at the United Nations.

This statement was made in the Knesset recently by Mr. Abba Eban, the Israeli Foreign Minister.

Mr. Shmuel Tamir (Gahal) then asked whether the Israeli Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Aharon Remez, had been correctly quoted in a newspaper interview as saying that Israel was entering a period of strained relations with Britain.

"Yes", replied Mr. Eban, explaining that the British Government "tends to determine its policy in accordance with British interests in the Arab world."

SAPIR DECLINES CONDITIONAL LOAN FROM IMF

Jerusalem (JCNS).-Pinhas Sapir, the Israeli Finance Minister, does not intend to sign a "Jenkin's letter" for the International Monetary Fund in return for a $45 million yet.

(When the IMF granted Britain a loan in May of last year, it was made conditional on the British Government agreeing to take certain economic measures. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Roy Jenkins, then sent the IMF a letter agreeing to its conditions.)

A spokesman for the Israeli Finance Ministry said this week that the IMF's condition for granting a loan to Israel - that Government expenditure must be reduced - was unacceptable. Now, he said, was the time when the economy was expanding, mainly because of defense needs.

In any case, $45 million is not enough to meet Israel's foreign currency requirements. Later in the year, when Israel's drawing rights from the IMF will be substantially larger, Sapir is likely to agree to the IMF's condition.

ISRAEL: GUNBOATS SUPERIOR

Montreal - The five high-speen gunboats which slipped out of France last December and sailed to Israel are probably the most versatile craft of their type, the former commander of the Israeli navy said in Montreal. Former Rear Admiral Shlomo Erell, 49, who commanded the Israeli navy during the six-day war in 1967, said the boats are superior to any similar vessels the Soviet Union has supplied to Egypt.

Mr. Erell told a testimonial dinner in honor of Canadian film maker Harold Greenberg at Shaar Hasomayim Synagogue that the gunboat project was started in 1963. At that time, the former admiral was aiding to design 12 similar ships, seven of which were sent to Israel in 1968. Mr. Erell, now studying for a Master's Degree in industrial management in New York, said the boats were built from a specialized Israeli design "and they possess many strategic concepts." "They are suitable for surface combat and can engage destroyers or larger ships, including submarines," he said.

MONTREAL NOTES

BARON DE HIRSH INSTITUTE

A team of 12 skilled Family Life Educators to date have advised thousands of Montrealers on how they can strengthen their family life. The Baron de Hirsch Institute which has worked in the past to try to assist where marriages are in trouble, now is working through a comprehensive Family Life Education Programme to steer families away from breakdowns.

How far does the Family Life Education Programme reach? From Dating to "creative" aging" with just about everything else in between. The Programme embraces such current problems as parent-child relationships, adolescence (drugs, sex, etc.) and even the question of identification (Are you Jewish? How? Where? When? Why?).

One intriguing presentation is called Budgetting -- "Creative living in spite of your bank account". And that means, states Mrs. Felicia Hefter, the program's supervisor whether you have too much money as well as not enough.

FEDERATED ZIONISTS

Arieh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, will deliver the key address at the forthcoming Second Annual Convention of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada to be held April 10-13 at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal. The dinner to be addressed by Mr. Pincus on April 12th will be sponsored by the FZOC and United Jewish Appeal of Canada Inc.

PYTHIAS CHAIRMAN.- Bernard Starr, who is heading the 1970 Knights of Pythias annual appeal. Institutions supported by the fraternal order include: The Montreal Children's Hospital, the Jewish Hospital of Hope and the Pythian Clinic Optometry. The Pythians latest project is a day nursery in Karmiel, in Israel's northern Galilee. Target this year is $50,000.

MONTREAL PROTEST

A delegation of the Committee for Social Justice in the Middle East presented a petition bearing 1500 signatures of Montreal students and faculty to the French Consulate, Place Victoria, Montreal, on Wednesday, February 25th at 10:30 a.m.

The petition reads as follows:

Whereas, France:

- continues to sell arms to "non-belligerent" Iraq and Algeria;
- withholds all military equipment and airplane parts from Israel;
- sells 110 Mirages to "Egypt via Libya", thus exposing her blatantly anti-Israel and one-sided policy;
- refuses to deliver to Israel the 50 Mirages, paid for by Israel.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

We, the undersigned, protest this selective French arms embargo against Israel, and condemn France's complicity in the jeopardization of peace in the Middle East.

ORT MONTH

ORT is unique. These three letters stand for Organization for Rehabilitation through Training -- but the organization is unique, and the type of rehabilitation and training provided is unique. Women's Canadian ORT, with a membership of over 5,000 across Canada, can boast of serving the cause of the underprivileged and unskilled for a quarter century this year.

World ORT has just entered its 90th year and according to the report of Mrs. Joseph Y. Stotland, National President of Women's Canadian ORT who just returned from Geneva where she attended World ORT Executive meetings, the operational budget this year will exceed $19 million. ORT graduates and instructors are in demand the world over -- as advisors to the emerging African nations; in various Asian aid programs; to train and rehabilitate Jewish refugees who had to flee Poland and found a haven in Scandinavian countries.

In March, year-long efforts in fund raising and membership campaigns culminate in the observance of ORT Day. Throughout the North American continent, Rabbis include appeals for ORT support in their sermons; Mayor proclaim "ORT Day"; ORT groups plan special events in observance of ORT Month.

In Canada, ORT Month and ORT Day festivities are especially meaningful in centers where Women's Canadian ORT is strongest. Halifax is having its annual "Rustle of Spring" fashion show and a general meeting addressed by a Consul from an ORT country; Hamilton will combine ORT Day with a welcoming party for some members returning from a tour of Israel; Montreal will hold its prestigious annual Fantasy Ball; Toronto will hold the premiere of its own new film, "THE MANY FACES OF ORT", as part of their ORT Day program; Winnipeg ORT Day will be observed with a general meeting at which new members will be welcomed and a panel discussion featured.

BAR ILAN

Mr. David Mendelson, supervisor of career counseling of the Jewish Vocational Service, will be guest speaker at a meeting for the Women's Division of Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University, on Wednesday, March 11th, 1970, at the home of Mrs. Wilfred Shuchat, 478 Roslyn Avenue, Westmount.

ESSAY CONTEST

Nachum Wilchesky, educator and a moderator at CFMB Montreal, has announced that the 1st National Essay Contest has been organized for students between the ages of 12 to 14 and 15 to 18. The contest is under the auspices of the Jewish Agency and has received the support of all the major Jewish Youth Organizations across Canada.

The advisory Board for the contest is composed of: David Andrews, YM-YWHA (Toronto), Rabbi J. Deitcher, NCSY (Val Royal), Isaac Katofsky, BBYO (Montreal), Menashe Broder, Zionist Youth Council of Canada (Montreal), Rabbi B. Bloomstone NFTY (Montreal) and Rabbi D. Auerbach, USY (Dollard des Ormeaux).

STUDENTS

A national conference of Canadian Jewish Students was held in Montreal recently.

Represented at the conference were delegates from the following universities: Simon Frazer University; University of British Columbia; University of Saskatchewan; University of Winnipeg; University of Manitoba; University of Toronto; York University; McGill University; Sir George Williams University; University of Montreal; Carleton University; Dalhousie University; St. Mary's University; Delegates represented fourteen different groups and movements.

The conference resolved to establish a Canadian Union of Jewish Students and appointed an interim executive, which was mandated to carry out a provisional program and call a national convention as soon as possible.

Ottawa Jubilee Dinner

The Ottawa Histadrut Campaign opens its drive with the Histadrut Jubilee Dinner to be held in the Community Centre, Sunday, March 15th.

The highlight of the event will be an address by Lt. Col. Jacob Monbaz, Israel's Consul General in Montreal, whose oratorial brilliance and keen assessment of current events has served an indelible impression on all who have been privileged to hear him.

Col. Jacob Monbaz

Those who have been thrilled by the beautiful soprano Ginetta La Bianca, New York's most versatile concert singer, are aware of the pleasure in store for them when she will perform at the Jubilee Dinner. La Bianca's repertoire of operatic and modern Israeli music has been acclaimed by critics throughout the world. It is worthy of note that Ginetta Le Bianca is the only artist demanded year after year by the 3,000 guests at the New York annual Histadrut Convention Banquet.

Ginetta La Bianca

The Committee in charge of the Dinner is headed by Mr. Seymour Eisenberg, Chairman of the Ottawa Histadrut Campaign, whose youth and vitality has opened new perspectives in the Campaign's drive to assist Israel's welfare institutions. Past Chairman, Harry Goldstein, who headed his team of ardent and dedicated campaigners for many successful years, will be the recipient of a testimonial in tribute to his outstanding achievements for Histadrut.

The Histadrut Campaign in Ottawa has taken on a new look by its drive to build and equip a medical institution in Herzlia to be known as the Ottawa Medical Centre. Every citizen of Canada's capital city will be proud to realize that his contribution will be used in full to alleviate physical suffering and to save the lives of people who are desperately short of adequate medical facilities.

HISTADRUT '70

Seymour Eisenberg

This centre will provide a direct link between Ottawa Jewry and its counterpart in the Jewish State - The hope is that the entire funds necessary to achieve the fulfillment of this project will be forthcoming from this years campaign. Individuals are invited to sponsor a room or medical equipment in the centre. Details may be obtained from any of the Ottawa Histadrut League Executive members.

Fifty years have passed since a small group of Cahlutzim including Ben Gurion, the late Itzchak Ben Zvi, and others who were to become Israel's great leaders, met at the Haifa Technion and formed the Histadrut. In that half century a nation was reborn on its ancient homeland. It was Histadrut that provided the means and the impetus to achieve this 2,000 year old dream which all the world has come to recognize as the democratic bastion of justice and freedom in a sea of Arab hate and tyranny.

This is a milestone in Jewish history. A fact which every Jew regardless of his political bent must recognize and acknowledge. Supporting the Histadrut Campaign in its task of humanitarian endeavour is a moral obligation which none who cares for his brother should shirk. Participating at the Ottawa Histadrut Dinner gives everyone concerned the opportunity of demonstrating his solidarity with this unique experiment in human engineering - Histadrut.

EVENTS IN MONTREAL

Week from Friday, March 6th to Thursday, March 12th

Sunday, March 8:

8:30 p.m. - Town Hall Series at Y.M.H.A. Guest speaker: Professor Allan Pollack. Topic: How can our Jewish heritage and tradition be made relevant to our youth.

3 to 6 p.m. Adath Israel Testimonial Dinner Honoree: Rabbi Kramer

Tuesday, March 10:

5:30 p.m. - Allied Jewish Community Services Executive Meeting

10:00 a.m. - Women's Federation Executive Meeting

Wednesday, March 11:

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Pioneer Women's International Women's Day at Spanish and Portuguese

8:30 p.m. - Montreal Women's ORT Ashdod Group Fashion Show at Chevra Kadisha

7:30 p.m. - Francophone Leadership Program

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Interview with Rabbi David Monson

TORONTO'S BETH SHOLOM

by Uri Jacobson

RABBI DAVID MONSON

Interviewing Rabbi David Monson of Toronto's Beth Sholom synagogue can be a formidable experience. When I had that pleasure recently the rabbi did his best to answer the various queries put to him while he was busily involved in handling a score of synagogue-related problems.

In fact when I entered the rabbi was speaking on the phone to one of his congregants (in impeccable Yiddish, of course) and pleading with his caller to accept a free ticket to Israel from him. "The man has a daughter in an Israeli kibbutz," the rabbi whispered to me, "and I thought it would be so nice for him to hop over to Israel with me and see her."

During the course of our discussion Rabbi Monson had occasion to use his phone many times and he remarked to me light-heartedly that his answering service had once awarded him a special plaque for having achieved a record in calls received. "On an average day," he said, "its not uncommon for me to receive as much as 57 phone calls."

The subject matter of those calls is closely related to Rabbi Monson's definition of his function and role as a rabbi.

He feels that there are four basic areas in which he tries to express himself in his rabbinic vocation.

The first area he referred to as the routine, traditional one in which all rabbis involve themselves. This includes the organization of and participation in the various religious functions of the synagogues. "I am one of those rabbis who makes it a point to attend morning services regularly," he observed; "this sounds like an obvious thing but in our day regretably there are rabbis who no longer see this as part of their duties."

Working with the individual Jew is an integral part of Rabbi Monson's religious concern. "You know," he said, "there are a lot of "little" Jews around today who have problems with things that we wouldn't even think of. There are Jews who speak little or no English and who have enormous problems in filling our application forms for such things as welfare and unemployment insurance. I see it as a sacred vocation to help these people. In a way I serve as a kind of ombudsman."

Shortly after this portion of our conversation I was to see Rabbi Monson put another aspect of his philosophy to work. The phone rang and the young man at the other end informed him that he was a bachelor and had just moved to Toronto from the United States. Could the rabbi put him in touch with some eligible young ladies? At this point Rabbi Monson pulled out a loose leaf notebook and ran his finger down the page until he found the appropriate name and gave his caller the requisite information.

"This is a very large, impersonal city in many ways. There are a lot of people in this town that are lonely, - single people, divorced people, widows. I am proud to act in the ancient and noble role of shadchan (matchmaker) in trying to get people together. As a matter of fact I often refer them to the classified section of the CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS when I am unable to furnish them with any information at the moment."

Among his myriad activities Rabbi Monson is especially well known for his energies and activities on behalf of Israel The Jewish state had been an all consuming preoccupation of his since the thirties. He mentioned that under his aegis his synagogue in 1953 was among the first to use the occasion of Kol Nidre to have a bond appeal from the pulpit. Since that time the practice has become virtually universal. The former Chief Rabbi of Israel, the late Rabbi Herzog, had awarded him a special citation in recognition of that activity.

Support and love of Israel make up the third sector of Rabbi Monson's philosophy of Judaism. At the present time he is expressing that support by acting as chairman of a local committee to facilitate the relocation of the Sha'arei Tzedec hospital in Jerusalem. He is involved deeply in raising funds for the Ontario pavillion which will be across the road from the Herzog academy in Jerusalem.

I asked the rabbi about his close association with the childrens' village in Israel at Or Yehudah, how did this project get started?

"Several years ago during one of my frequent visits to Israel I happened to pass through a settlement of Jews who had come recently from Iraq. Their living conditions could only be described as deplorable. They had no facilities for recreation or sport. I resolved then and there to return to Canada and raise money to build a center for these people."

"Upon returning to Canada I succeeded in rounding up $150,000 and with money we were able to construct a Youth Centre at Or Yehuda. It now bears the name of my wife and myself. It is a complete center with rooms for sport, recreation and club activities."

"A Sephardi synagogue was still lacking; I approached members of my congregation and Mr. Louis Cadesky responded generously by providing the funds to erect a beautiful synagogue building. It is called the Isaac and Esther Cadesky Memorial Synagogue."

I queried the rabbi as to his present association with the childrens' village and he mentioned that he has a batch of correspondence with the kids there and has been deeply involved in their lives. Just recently he had used his energies in helping one of the members of the Youth village gain entry to medical school.

What about the current political situation in Israel? Rabbi Monson acknowledges the seriousness of the problem. But his approach is basically an optimistic one. From the logical point of view, he admitted, things look gloomy. Logically a hundred million Arabs should be able to dispose of two million Israelis easily. But Jews have never accepted the canons of logic, because in that light the Jews shouldn't be alive even today.

"I have always been impressed," he said, "by the example of Rabbi Arieh Levin of the Irgun. He always stated that salvation came from God like the twinkle of the eye. That's my feeling too."

But what does annoy Rabbi Monson is the callous indifference towards Israel on the part of many Jews. Jews in Canada and in Toronto, he feels are simply not doing enough to support the cause of Israel. How can Israel be expected to present its case to the world when it is so harrassed by military, economic and social problems? It is up to the Jews here to assume a great part of that responsibility.

One way in which the rabbi tries to help the cause of Israel in a very specific way is assisting Israelis in Canada to return to Israel. He showed me a sheaf of letters written to him by grateful people in Israel who had benefited from the rabbi's help. "I even tried to get EL AL to let Israelis occupy empty seats on their return flights to Lod. I haven't as yet succeeded in this endeavour."

I suspect that the latter is one of Rabbi Monson's very few failures in the domain of tzedeakah (charity). He is currently involved in persuading people to contribute to a fund to help defray the defense expenses of Chief Murray, currently under investigation in a police inquiry. "Chief Murray is a wonderful man," said the rabbi, "and he deserves our strongest support. He has shown understanding and mercy on any number of occasions."

The topic returned to Israel and Rabbi Monson told me with obvious pride of his work on behalf of the Histadrut. In fact he had just been appointed chairman of the Histadrut Golden Jubilee committee. His American counterpart is Arthur Goldberg, formerly of the United States Supreme Court and the United Nations.

"We have got to get Jewish people to support Israel more and more -- through tourism, for example. Thousands of our people spend their money on trips to Portugal, Spain and Majorca. Let them go to Israel instead."

Rabbi Davod Monson believes that one of the best ways to build brotherhood between Jews and Christians is to become active in fabric of the Canadian community at large. This is the forth pillar in the structure he recognizes as the rabbi's obligation.

To this end he has worked to promote a free blood program all across Canada. He regularly visits factories and businesses in an effort to persuade people to part with some blood for a worthy cause. His concern for the health of people is also recognized in his service to the Northern General Hospital where he acts as treasurer.

Rabbi Monson is a director of the St. Alban's Boys' Club and also of Street Haven. He is on the executive as well of University Scholarships Inc. Just recently he was appointed to the chairmanship of the Medical Services Insurance Council, OSIP's administrative arm.

One of the proudest moments of his life, the rabbi related, was when he was appointed to serve on the Canada Council, the federal agency which distributes millions of dollars annually to universities and individual scholars. During his tenure on that council, he along with the distinguished Leonard Brockington, succeeded in persuading the organization to reverse itself on several occasions.

"The Council was not always willing in the early days to look favourably upon requests from the newer universities. On one occasion it rejected an application from an outstanding linguist. The latter was a rabbi and newly arrived in Canada. Through my efforts the Council reconsidered its decision and awarded a grant. I was later vindicated when this man's work was published and acclaimed as major work of scholarship."

In the last moments of our interview I asked Rabbi Monson if he had any pet peeves about Jewish life today.

He replied that the most painful thing about organized Jewish life was that the problem of the little Jew was being ignored. There were many in that later category whose salaries were meagre and because of that could not afford to send their children to Hebrew schools.

Rabbi Monson was quick to point out that he was not placing the blame on the school system which has its own financial problems. But he said that something must be wrong when Jews cannot join synagogues they cannot afford the fees. "We have got to be concerned with the little man," he repeated.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS AT EL AL-Israel's national airlines announced this week that it was moving its executive offices in Canada from Toronto to Montreal. Joram Kagan (left) replaces Phillip Harris as general manager for Canada and Dan Pavell (center) transfers to Toronto as district manager. Simon Fineland, who established El Al offices in Canada continues an general sales agent. This summer El Al will have 24 transatlantic flights via New York. 9 will be non stop New York-Tel Aviv, a distance of 5,700 miles.

NETUREI KARTA IN UPROAR

by MOSHE RON

Tel Aviv - Twenty-two years ago when the State of Israel was established certain members of the Naturei Karta faction considered leaving Israel to find a place where they could live according to their religious spirit. There were opponents to such a radical solution.

Today the same differences have arisen among leaders of Naturei Karta in Jerusalem. One camp, headed by Rabbi Amram Blau, advocates leaving the Zionist state, whereas the other camp, headed by the head of Yeshiva "Tora Wezira", Rabbi Ahron Kazenelenbogen, opposes such a step.

The dispute between these two camps had been punctuated by stormy meetings and pamphlets. Rabbi Blau, whose influence has lately grown stronger after years of embarrassment caused by his marriage to the converted Jewess Ruth Ben David, has started a campaign urging his followers to leave Israel. He even has succeeded in convincing some that such a step is prescribed in the Torah.

Rabbi Blau warns that because Israel is threatened by a holocaust it is a life-saving mitzva to leave Israel. He maintains that the Zionists are in complete control of the country. They have created a great danger to the Jews by waging wars with the Arab neighbors who number tens of millions and who are peparing for the annihilation of the Jews of Israel.

The Zionists are not only ready to fight against the Arabs, says Blau, but also against the Russians and in this way they cause great damage to the Jewish people all over the world.

Rabbi Blau cites the Rambam, who favored leaving the country under certain conditions. He cites three passages from the "Yod Hazaka" in which permission is granted to those who flee from sinful people.

Rabbi Blau appeals for mass emigration to any country which will grant asylum to those Jewish refugees who wish to maintain their religious spirit.

The opponents of evacuation, headed by Rabbi Kazenelenbogen, maintain, that they must not hand over the domicile of the Naturei Karta in Jerusalem, the Mea Shearim Quarter, to the Zionists. "Mea Shearim has become our last bastion and a symbol of the religious Jewish people and must not be deserted."

Rabbi Kazenelenbogen feels that the world would not understand an appeal for leaving Israel. Mea Shearim leads the struggle against participation in Knesseth and municipal elections and other Zionist institutions. Jewish children in Israel must not be abandoned to the secular Zionist education.

The first "idealist" has already left Israel. Rabbi Moshe Dov Beck has emigrated with his family to England and has established an extreme circle of Naturei Karta, which supports Rabbi Blau's campaign. Rabbi Beck is a Hassid of Vishnicz. The Rabbi of Vishnicz expelled him from his community because of his extreme opinions. Since then he has become a fanatic, a foe of the State of Israel, and partisan of Rabbi Blau.

Rabbi Blau, his wife and another leader of Naturei Karta, Lebele Weissfish, have started a big political campaign against the State of Israel in the wake of the recent verdict of the High Court of Justice on the question "Who is a Jew?". They have sent a petition to the United Nations charging that the State of Israel does not represent the Naturei Karta and the Jewish people. It is a State of anti-Jews, they claim, who wish to annihilate the Jewish people.

The leaders of Naturei Karta want to establish a special committee, including Arab notables from the Old City of Jerusalem, who oppose the State of Israel. The former Jordanian Minister of Defence, Anwar Nusseiba, was invited to take part in this Committee.

The Committee made contact with eht famous opponent of Zionism, Gotfried Neuberg a few months ago who had accompanied the Chief Rabbi of Moscow, Yehuda Leib Levin, during his visit in the u.s. neuberg prepared the reception for Rabbi Levin. Neuberg's mother is the sister of the late Professor of Mathematics in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Levi Fraenkel. She had lived during the mandatory period in Jerusalem and propagated peace between Jews and Arabs.

Rabbi Blau, Weissfish and their partisans have overlooked one fact: their own children and grandchildren are already remote from their fanaticism. In the Mea Shearim Quarter in Jerusalem there are today many Hassidic youngsters, who do not agree with the anti-Israel policy of the old leaders. They are rebelling against the extreme attitude of their fathers and grandfathers.

Many of them are serving in the religious Nahal or even in Zahal. This fact clashes with the political campaign of the fanatical leaders of Naturei Karta and their call to emigrate from Israel.

Among the parachutists who occupied the area of the Wailing Wall were heroes of yeshivot and also members of Naturei Karta. These Hassidic youngsters do not boycott the Wailing Wall like the leaders of Naturei Karta and one can see them often coming to the Wailing Wall to pray. The pamphlets and appeals of Rabbi Amram Blau and his partisans do not affect the. They will not leave the State of Israel.

BULLETINS

PASSENGERS SWITCH TO EL AL

(JCNS) As angry ground crews and anxious airmen threatened this week to disrupt flights to the Middle East, El Al reported an increase both in passengers and in freight as a result of a ban imposed by BEA and BOAC at London airport.

El Al's deputy manager in Britain, Mr. M. Nachtomi said: "The future looks as good as it was before Saturday's incidet, even a little better".

The company's normal load of 80 per cent of freight and cargo destined for Israel had been boosted by a further 5 to 10 per cent, with the remaining 10 per cent lying idle until the other carriers reversed their ban, Mr. Nachtomi stated.

In addition, many travel agents had informed El Al that a large number of passengers had cancelled bookings on other airlines and had switched to El Al, both out of solidarity for Israel and in protest against the ban. No El Al passengers had cancelled their bookings.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

(JCNS) in a message to heads of member-Churches in Egypt, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, the secretary-general of the World Council of Churches, expressed the profound dismay of the executive at the "death and injury to civilians in the present hostilities".

Dr. Carson Blake was responding to a protest from the Egyptian Churches on the Israeli bombing of a metal factory near Cairo, in which more than 70 civilians died. He said the Council's international affairs commission had been requested "to make the strongest representations to all parties concerned against indiscriminate attacks and bombing which increasingly threaten innocent civilians".

"DEATH TO PALESTINIANS"

(JCNS) While the Swiss criminal police have yet to confirm that an Arab terrorist bomb caused the explosion on the Swissair Coronado, officials and public have no doubt--where the blame lies and have reacted with an unparalleled show of bitterness and anger.

No Arab will henceforth be allowed into Switzerland without a visa and no visas will be issued unless the intending visitor can prove that he is engaged in legitimate business or some other officially approved pursuit.

Arabs already living in Switzerland are to be thoroughly checked.

Many walls in cities and towns in Switzerland have been daubed with slogans such as "Death to the Palestinians" and a "League to Keep Lucerne Free of Arabs", has spontaneously sprung up among citizens there.

Many people interviewed by the press and radio voiced the opinion that Switzerland should reintroduce the death penalty specifically for the crime of terrorism in the air.

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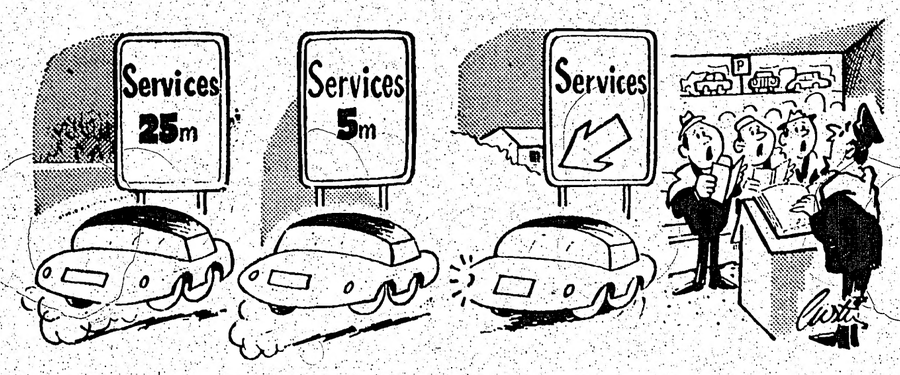

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QUESTION:

May one indulge in hobbies, such as coin or stamp collecting, on Sabbath? What hobbies, if any, are permitted?

ANSWER

Jews played many games in the Middle Ages (see Israel Abrahams, "Jewish Life in the Middle Ages", chapters 21-22). The problem was widely discussed at that time which games can be played on the Sabbath and there are a number of references to these in the sources. The Shulchan Aruch (Orach Chayim 338,5) mentions games which may be played on the Sabbath, including chess, provided these are not played for money. It is even said that if "women and children" do play for gain one should not stop them for "it is better that they should offend unwittingly rather than intentionally". Coin collecting would seem to be "out" since the coins are muktza (i.e., must not be touched), unless one argues that since the coins are not used as currency the muktza rules do not apply. There is no objection to playing card games, scrabble, etc., and to going for long walks.

QUESTION:

What is the objection to playing football on Sabbath? Is it permitted on festivals?

ANSWER:

The basic question is whether the ball is considered muktza. In medieval France it was evidently the practice to play ball on the festivals (see Tosafists to Betza 12a) but this was forbidden in other communities. The Shulchan Aruch (Orach Chayyim 308, 45) rules that R. Moses Isserles in his note quotes the contrary opinion and observes that it is the custom (i.e., in his native Poland) to permit it. The only difference between Sabbath and the festivals in this connection is that on Sabbath it is forbidden to play ball games outside the private domain (otherwise there is "carrying") but on festivals even this is permitted.

Good tidings

KREISKY

The evolution towards racial tolerance and coexistance among diverse ethnic groups and races in Central Europe is becoming increasingly noticeable.

First, there is the victory of Willy Brandt in West Germany, where bigots agitating against the "exile" and anti-Nazi refugee could not arouse the new German generation against its most progressive leader.

Now a similar occurrence of historic importance has been recorded in Austria where a Jew, Bruno Kreisky, also maligned during the election campaign by racists, has made it.

It seems that all theories of antisemitism and prejudice about "traditional" countries belong to the past as the "classic" Viennese antisemitism is gone forever.

Kreisky was a Jewish refugee from Nazism in Sweden during World War II. He returned to his homeland after the defeat of Hitler and worked tirelessly towards the revival of democracy in his native country.

Thus the era of Kreisky renews in our minds the Vienna of Schnitzler and Peter Altenberg — the Vienna of Gemuetlichkeit.

What a pity Fritz Adler and Stefan Zweig are not alive to see this day!

Arabs and French Canada

DANGER

Any student of the Canadian French press will agree that with few exceptions the voice of Israel and her friends is barely audible in its columns.

Now, because of the effort made by the French news services to propagate the Paris anti-Israeli view in all French speaking countries, this situation has become very critical. We are deeply disturbed when we read some of the interpretations of Israel, especially in relation to the Arab terrorist groups, in French language newspapers.

It seems that some Arab propaganda agents here have succeeded in inducing a few French Canadian journalists to visit Jordan for some kind of "Palestine Week", when they would meet the leaders of the Fedayeen.

Those alert to the situation in French universities and who follow the activities of the New Left know that many "students" from North African countries are agitating their French Canadian colleagues against Jews and Israel. Efforts are made to convince this important segment of French Canadian youth that there is some connection or affinity between the desire on the part of French Canadians to be recognized as a cultural entity and the "anti-colonialist" Al Fatah terrorists.

While our public relations on behalf of Israel, in Canada in general, can be described as not too effective — and certainly not professional, — the situation in French Canada is deplorable. It is business-as-usual without a sincere effort to devise both the approach and the means for a better understanding of Israel's position.

IMPRESSIONS OF A MEETING WITH TORONTO ARABS

Torontonians were treated last week to their first look at Al Fatah at the Yorkminister Baptist Church.

The occasion was a panel discussion sponsored by several Christian denominations. The main speaker was Dr. Douglas Young of the Holy Land Bible Institute.

At the close of the formal part of the meeting, Reverend Roland de Corneille asked for written questions from the audience.

At this point an Arab student, rose and for a period of at least five full minutes shrieked abuse at de Corneille and the members of his panel. Appeals for quiet were to no avail.

Arab students seated strategically throughout the audience, in groups of two and three, joined in the harangue demanding that they be given an opportunity to speak.

In true Maoist fashion these Fatah agents (they identified themselves as such voluntarily) rose one after the other from widely separated points in the hall in an obvious attempt to suggest that opposition to the panel was spontaneous, popular and widespread.

One young Fatah supporter finally agreed to put his remarks on paper and delivered it personally to Dr. Young. The note read: "Fatah will get you when you get back to Jerusalem." Dr. Young replied that he had heard that threat before.

Another Arab supporter, a professor, ran to the dais and tried to wrest the microphone from the panelists. He almost succeeded but was thwarted when Reverend de Corneille called upon his diocesan bishop to address the audience.

After forty-five minutes of some very ugly exchanges, moderator de Corneille finally called in the police. Their arrival cooled down the more dangerous gestures but did not dampen Fatah's zeal.

The lighter side of Israel

by Ephraim Kishon

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THE LONGEST NIGHT

The official opening of "Unfair to Goliath" was over by 9:30. The show took 15 minutes less than planned because the critics did not applaud, only the claque of relatives and friends massed in the rear stalls. We too, the spiritual parent of "Goliath" clapped surreptiously, but the group of reviewers got up at once and left in a gaggle. They were headed by Clive Barnes of the "New York Times," struggling into his winter coat. Joe, our producer, claims that he saw him smile once in the first act, but Dick, my director, thinks that he was just picking his teeth. In any case, Barnes left much too fast. A cold wind blew down the aisles: Jerry Tallmer, the prestigious reviewer of the New York "Post", had left 20 minutes before the end, his stupid face livid with rage.

I was beyond caring. Back in the intermission, when we hadn't dared move out of our seat lest we provoke the gods' ire, I had made up my mind to take the first plane back home and ask the Government for asylum. It is said the airlines always reserve a few seats for refugees from Broadway first nights. I have a severe case of butterflies and can't catch any of them. Joe is the calmest, only he can't close his left eye and it blinks in the darkness like a phosphorescent button.

We hug the actors, not unlike the early Christions stepping into the arena. We have only three-quarters of an hour left to love each other: the first TV reviews will then arrive and we will sink into limbo filled with primeval hatred. We all know the fateful ratio: out of ten New York shows, eight closed down on the morrow of the premiere, one agonizes for a few weeks, and one. . . maybe. . .

Jerry Tallmer had left before the end.

The time is 10:30. We sit in the office of Bernstein, the public relations man, in front of the TV set, without speaking a word. Present: Joe and his wife, Dick, myself, Menahem (the young Israeli composer) and the seven actors. The announcer prattles some nonsense about Nixon and Vietnam and other quite marginal things. I am slightly bothered by the rushing noise in my ears, my heart throbs like a jungle drum. Actually, I am here only in the technical sense, my tortured soul has long since been playing at home with Amir and Ra'anana. From time to time I mumble a prayer, that's all.

10:45. We stop breathing. Dick lies motionless, his hair starts greying at the temples. Only Bernstein puffs contentedly on his cigar (he is a habitue at funerals). In his hands he holds a small tape recorder to record the station announcers for quotable quotes. At long last he appears: Stuart Klein of CBS.

"Sharp. . .self-knocking humour. . .pointed fun. . ."

Joe jumps up from his chair and lets go with a succession of guttural yells. We all clap hands. This is how the Jews must have felt when Moses struck the rock and water gushed out. However, Moses had better chances. Out of ten strikes, at least three are bound to succeed. We embrace, hop around the room and I send Amir and Ra'anana packing. Menahem levitates. Klein spoke well of us, Klein loves us, Klein is great. . .

"A hit!" Joe yells. "We have got a hit! A hit. . ."

He embraces me warmly and whispers in my ear: "I knew why I brought you over from Israel. . .I knew what I was doing. . ."

I love him myself, because he is a good man. His wife proposes that I settle down in New York and that we open together a department store. But for the fact that the actors are Gentiles, we would by now be doing the hora. I can see in their eyes that they are seriously considering conversion. Should the NBC praise us as well nothing may stop them from running to the nearest Rabbi. . .

11:30. Edwin Newman, the granddad of all panners, appears on the screen. Burning eyes are glued to his ill-boding pate. We are thirsty for praise, sir, lots of praise, with lots and lots of adjectives. . .

"Quiet!" Berstein roars, "I am recording!"

Newman works according to the Chinese torture method. He wastes most of the minute he is on the air on philosophical thoughts, on the meaning of humour and its purpose in the civilization of mankind. He is simply killing us. He knows only too well that we are sitting hypnotized around the set, so he drags out the passing of sentence. One frown from him and we close down tomorrow. As he comes to the end, we are more dead than alive.

"Altogether," Newman pontificates with sadistic relish, "it was a pleasant evening. . ."

End of the broadcast. Joe collapses. Dick rushes out to fetch some water and fails to return. The actors fan their faces. We managed TV and are still alive. Now it is the turn of the three large dailies: The "Times", the "Daily Post" and the "Daily News." Should even one be con, we close. (We don't mention it, but Jerry Tallmer did leave early). Silence. Bernstein is trying to establish contact with spies planted in the newspaper offices. "Daily News" is the first to respond. A nervous and muffled voice quickly reads into the receiver the marvellous, repeat marvellous, review of Mr. Silver, may he go from strength to strength. We are good natured, witty, perceptive, fantastic. . .

Joe clasps me in his arms!

"Genius," he breathes in my ear, "you're a once-in-a-century genius. . ."

I believe him, he is the expert. The producer has a quick pow-wow with his pals. They intend to adopt me as their son. Why not, one could talk it over. Dick takes a piece of paper and in a shaking hand, figures out how much the swimming pool would cost in the villa he is going to build soon. Joe buys up the Empire State Building, a fleet of tankers, and even pays back some of his debts. I transfer my gains into the custody of the collector of Internal Revenues within the framework of a package deal which leaves me with mixed feelings. . .

12:15. The telephone rings. The "Times" spy reports. He has got the first two columns filched at danger of his life from the proof readers' desk. We are recording, the pulse beat is 103: This is Clive Barnes, folks, the Pope, he outweighs by himself 60 other reviewers. . .

"This is a nice little show, pleasant and heartwarming. . ."

These were the happiest three seconds in our whole lives. A miracle, that was the general feeling, an almost incredible Biblical miracle was taking place in front of our eyes, the Lord has chosen us to rule over the nations. There must be something in us which disarms critics, radio-active antipanning bodies. My associates are building air-conditioned castles in Spain, complete with swimming pools. Only the experienced Bernstein is grim-faced: he didn't like the word "little", he knows why. . .

And then something terrible happened.

"But," the intelligence agent mumbles into the receiver at the end of those three happy seconds, "this show lacks panache and is too long. . ."

"Lacks. . .panache. . .too . . .long. . ."

My heart stopped beating. Joe blanches and grips his head. These four words have brought down our victory arch around our heads. True, Barnes added about a dozen compliments on my great humanity and things like that, but this is no longer the Song of Songs, this is simply an excellent review and that is not enough for survival on Broadway. Menahem utters strange sighs, Joe's wife bursts into tears. Dick's white hair starts falling out. And these are just the first two columns of the "Times" and Jerry Tallmer left before the. . .

The actors get up quietly and leave the room without saying another word. They are contacting their agents right away for new jobs. I feel terribly lonely, Amir and Ra'anana are back in my arms. Dick goes on suffering in a corner, Joe stares at me out of his wide open left eye:

"They warned me," he barks, "they warned me against Israeli directors..."

His wife motions to me to beat it before they lose their tempers. I go to pieces, turn into salvage. Menahem whispers to me in Hebrew: "The main thing is health." Stupid sabra. I hate Menahem with a burning hatred. I hate Dick as well. He also hates me. And Bernstein. The PR man records the end of the "Times'" phone call.

"Excellent performance," the reviewer surprises us. "A very talented cast, very pleasant atmosphere. . ."

Things start looking up. Joe collects his limbs scattered all over the room and gets up. His wife comes over to me and strokes my hair. The time is 1:30. May the Lord have pity on us. It all depends on Barnes' ending.

"I enjoyed a lot of it," the great Barnes ends.

"No!" Joe jumps up shouting hoarsely and drives his fist against the wall, "No!"

"What happened?"

"If he had said, 'I enjoyed it a lot', we would have been a smashing hit right away!"

Bernstein also opines that this little difference in wording could well cost us a million dollars.

We sprawl out, spent, on the carpets, when a special service delivery man brings us -- against an exhorbitant fee -- the proofs from the "Post". Nobody dares to read them. In front of our eyes there again appears the receding figure of Jerry Tallmer. . .

Berstein lifts the slip of paper with a limp hand and looks at it with knitted brows.

"Well," a voice out of the grave asks, "what is he writing?"

"This," Bernstein says, "is simply a rave review."

Fireflies dance in front of our eyes, and I distinctly hear the choir from Beethoven's 9th. What a man, what a reviewer, this Jerry Tallmer! Others, those pygmies, have got to sit until the end of a show but an intellectual of his calibre knows at once what is good and what is bad.

"My nose never fools me," Joe whispers, "I knew you would pull it off. . .!"

Little Goliath has won, but his Daddy will never be the same person again.

Sermon for the week

MAN AND SOCIETY

It was after the promulgation of the Ten Commandments and the ordinances of Sinai that Moses ascended the mountain to commune with God and to reflect on the whole purpose of the law. This was not to be the dictate of the autocrat nor its end the subjection of the individual to its authority. Divine Law was given for the preservation of human society. Moses had his problems as a guide of his people and because of his perplexity he sought clarification amidst the solitude of the mountain. "And Moses went into the cloud and ascended up into the mountain." It is the deep thinker who beholds the cloud and who seeks intellectually to emerge from the mist of confusion. The shallow person sees nothing but the sun.

The overwhelming problem of Moses was the task of creating individuals out of a mass of lives almost shattered by the physical bondage of Egypt. The worst feature of Egyptian servitude was the herding of the slaves into mass labour formations so that individuality was suppressed and almost obliterated. The individual who is conscious of his own unique personality is a source of danger to the totalitarian regime. Modern tyrants have copied from the pages of Egypt's ancient history.

What was to be the effect of the Law? Would not these laws resume the pattern of bondage in bending the will of the individual to the rule of law? How could Moses elicit the rich gift of individuality from each of his followers and yet this freedom should be consistent with the welfare of society? One needed law to safeguard society and yet this selfsame law restricted individual freedom.

The first of the Ten Commandments declared the existence of a supreme Being who released Israel from bondage. Here law from the outset was interwoven with freedom. The first ordinance after the Ten Commandments enjoins man to respect the freedom of his neighbour. Thus the whole of law aims to secure ultimately the freedom of the individual through the proscription of wrong which another might wish to do against him. God gave the Ten Commandments in the singular. In the words of Philo: "The Ten Commandments are addressed in the singular, for each single person, when he obeys God and the "Law, equals in worth a whole nation, even the world". Thus law as a necessity was there to give full expression to the individuality of man.

The Tabernacle became not only the centre for public worship but the means for encouraging individual generosity. "Of every man whose heart impelleth him you shall take my offering." The individual was to be given a further opportunity to fulfil his particularity. The offering of the individual to the Tabernacle is called "terumch." Some explain this word as derived from a root which means "that which is taken off or separated from the private property of the individual." It might, however, be derived from a root which means "to be exalted." This voluntary offering of the individual was more than the medium of amassing materials for the erection of the Tabernacle. It served the purpose of awakening the consciousness of the individual, so that he was elevated from being just one of the masses to the status of his own unique personality.

Moses was aware that this emphasis on individuality might breed selfishness and self-aggrandisement. He wished to foster within the individual a sense of longing for and loyalty to the Community. "And Moses assembled all the congregation of the children of Israel". The word "assembled" in Hebrew is connected with the word "Kehillah". Just as law trained a man to take his place in civilized society so generosity was to educate a man to become a member of the Kehillah. The Kihallah has kept our people alive. "The Community is Israel's rampart", said Rabbi Simeon B. Lakish. It remains our people's chief bastion.

DR. MILDWIDSKY

Observers of the Middle East scene have noted on several occasions the irrationality of Arab acts.

Events of the past couple of weeks have reinforced this assertion. The Al Fatah terror organization, despite its public relations image as "liberators" has wrecked more death and destruction among its Arab brothers than among Israelis.

News reports emanating from Gaza indicate that in the past two weeks Arab terrorists have killed or wounded scores of their own people in the occupied territories. The usual method of killing consists of the wanton throwing of grenades against buses or in market crowds.

In the wake of the Swissair disaster comes another story now about the irrationality of Arab terrorism.

One of the forty-six victims of this latest act of insanity was Dr. Hanoch Mildwidsky. This eminent Israeli surgeon had pioneered open heart operations in Israel and had received world wide acclaim for his skill.

What is even more significant is that Dr. Mildwidsky is credited with having saved the lives of more than 150 Arabs who had been suffering from what was considered inoperable heart disease.

letters to the Editor

Rabbi Questioned

Dear Editor:

In the February 20th edition of the Canadian Jewish News, Rabbi Pappenheim is quoted in reference to the militant Jewish student groups, "There is no need for us to go down on our knees just because some of these youngsters have found their way back to the Jewish community."

First, we are not asking anyone to go down on his knees. Second, I would suggest that before he endeavours to criticize us, he should do a little investigation into the backgrounds of those being criticized and be a little more helpful in his criticism. What I mean is this: Many of us have been in the mainstream of the Jewish community for many years (BBYO, USY, Young Judea, NFTY, etc.). It is this experience with the Jewish community structures which now prompts us to criticize the "Jewish Establishment."

"Why the Jewish Establishment?" We do this because we love Judaism and Israel, and we see many things that are done by our community's leaders and organizations that are hurting Judaism and Israel, and have perhaps already helped to alienate the vast majority of the Jewish youth.

It is our goal to show the alienated Jewish youth that support of Israel, and study and practice of Judaism is not "passe", "square", or "reactionary". If we have to use some "filth" as he called it, "merely emphatic language" as some young people may call it, then so be it. (However, I am not trying to justify the use of unconventional words; in his terminology it cannot be justified. I am merely pointing out the rationale for its usage... Nonetheless, such tactics were found to be wrong and at this stage and they have been abandoned.)

"They (the students) have got to learn something about Kavod Torah (respect for Torah). Part of Jewish tradition teaches us that you don't engage in filth", he was quoted as saying. . . He is probably right? So let us take another look at our "Jewish tradition" and see what it teaches us about Tzedakah. Does the UJA conduct its affairs totally in keeping with those principles taught by our sages? Or is it often more concerned with just raising the funds and disregarding the principles of Tzedakah?

I could go on and on with examples to show the hypocrisy of the "Jewish Establishment". But that is unnecessary now. Let it suffice to say that though we students may be guilty of breaking with some of the revered traditions and teachings of our faith, you of the older generation are just as guilty of such. However, when you from your positions of leadership act like hypocrites, you alienate many of the young people. (I am not trying to justify the 'raison d'etre' of that; I am merely stating a fact). And that very much hurts Jewish survival.

We are not asking Rabbi Pappenheim to "respect them". (ie. the "Progressive Students for Israel", printers of "Masada"). Respect is something to be earned, not demanded or granted as a matter of fact. Rather, we are only asking for cooperation and a critical look at the synagogue, the Jewish educational system, the Jewish philanthropies, B'nai B'rith, etc. What can be done to change these structures so that they will help to ensure Jewish survival and win back our alienated young (and old!) people?

Gene Colman,
Editor-Masada

Thanks from ADL

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, its Boards, Committees, and volunteers, I wish to thank you for the excellent coverage which you provided on our Family of Man Award dinner in Montreal last February 8th. Your coverage of the dinner and of Prime Minister Trudeau's speech was excellent.

We also appreciate the editorial comment you made on Mr. Trudeau's address, as well as the praise which you generously gave to the Anti-Defamation League.

Please let us know if we can be of assistance to you at any time.

Sol I Littman,
National Director,
Anti-Defamation League
of B'nai B'rith, Canada

Beaulieu

Dear Editor:

The sensational statement last week by Quebec's Minister of Finance, Mario Beaulieu -- that unless Prime Minister Trudeau changes his attitude towards Quebec this province will have to make the decision to separate -- in our opinion is that of a politician, not a statesman.

Time and again we stated here our view: the future of Quebec, whether it remains part of Canada or develops into independence, will be made in a democratic manner by the people of Quebec themselves, by no one else.

But we consider such declations disrespectful of the intelligence of Mr. Beaulieu's own constituency. For the problem of federalism versus independence in Canada's French language province should be treated on a higher level than one using the issue as a means to extract more funds from the federal government.

A movement for national independence must be based upon a profound belief shared by a group or society: that its interests, cultural and economic, as well as its very survival as a distinct nationality, are dependent upon self-government.

In this respect, no matter what one's opinion, statements as that by Beaulieu can be exploited only by those disseminating fear among Quebec minorities as to what will happen next.

Milton Cohen
Montreal

KEEP SMILING

GOOD ACCENT

Concerning the father of the late George Gershwin, the composer: the older man, who had a pronounced Jewish accent, escaped getting a traffic ticket one day when he told the officer he was George Gershwin's father.

The policeman thought he had said "Judge Gershwin!"

BOOKS OF THE WEEK by Dr. Arnold Ages

STRANGE HISTORY

THE ENCOUNTER
by Malachie Martin
Ferrar, Straus and Giroux
488 pp.

Malachi Martin is a former Jesuit priest and professor at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and the holder of a doctorate in Semitic languages, archeology and Oriental history from Louvain University in Belgium.

His studies also have taken him to Oxford University and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Martin has written extensively on the Dead Sea Scrolls and under a pseudonym (Michael Serafian) compiled a definitive history of Vatican Council II.

These impressive credentials indicate that Martin is a man of immense learning and this factor is clearly seen in his THE ENCOUNTER, a kaleidescopic view of the major religions today.

The author's bold thesis is that Judaism, Christianity and Islam have totally failed in their efforts to help man explain his role in the universe.

The reason, according to him, is that, among other weaknesses, the three faiths in question have created exclusive claims on the soul of man. Martin calls this the syndrome of bipolarity.

"The religions, therefore, installed at the heart of their individual systems the basis for a tension and a contradiction: the absolute perfection demanded of their adherents and the tag of absolute evil pinned evil to its contrary evoked necessarily a series of revolts out of which sprang new polarizations, each claiming -- in imitation of the original -- to be the final absolute."

To back up this claim, Martin has written a treatise of almost 500 and that is most unfortunate because he could have easily done the same thing in a hundred. That's the first thing that is wrong with this book -- it's terribly padded.

The second thing that is wrong with THE ENCOUNTER is that Martin, despite his immense learning, does not always display the wisdom to accompany his vast accumulation of facts and theories.

I, of course, cannot speak for his critique of Christianity or Islam. His strictures of Judaism are entirely another matter.

Martin suggests in his essay that the problem with Judaism is that since the time of the destruction of the Temple the Jews have radically altered the form of their religion. Where once it was Temple centered and full of spiritual values it became legalistic and materialistic after the loss of the religious center.

The person to whom Martin assigns the major responsibility (and guilt) for this shift is none other than Rabbi Akiva. The latter, according to Martin, was able, through the brilliance of his teaching, to redirect the energies of a Judaism which had lost its soul, i.e. the Temple worship. He did this by creating a new emphasis on the oral law.

Martin feels that in saving Judaism from the disaster that came with the loss of political independence to the Romans, Akiva did serious injury to the spiritual depth of Judaism.

Martin's thinking of course, based on the assumption that the Judaism of the Hebrew Bible was one thing and that rabbinic Judaism was another. Most Jewish scholars would challenge that assumption.

But the most serious error in Martin's book comes during his attempt to present a short definition of the three faiths in question. Under the heading of Judaism he gives the following as an accurate credo that the Jew might profess:

"I believe... that YHWH's salvation is only with the Jewish People. . .that only the Jews can receive the final reward of Paradise."

Absolute nonsense! Of all the three great world religions it is precisely Judaism lack of exclusivistic salvation concepts that makes it so unique.

I find myself amazed to learn that Professor Martin is unaware of the Talmudic dictum (which has since become a part of Judaism's faith) that "the righteous of all nations have a share in the world to come."

RECENT AND RECOMMENDED

When Dean Acheson's book came out a short while ago it caused a considerable commotion in the Jewish community because of Acheson's statements of Israel.

This is somewhat surprising for PRESENT AT THE CREATION (W. Norton) does not deal at any great length with the question of the Jewish state. In fact, in the 798 pages of text there are not more than a dozen devoted to that problem.

Acheson sees himself as first and foremost a protector of America's vital interests. In 1947 he simply did not see the creation of Israel as something which was in the best interests of his government.

That did not mean, as he himself hastens to point out, that he was unsympathetic to the Jewish aspiration for a state. He could understand it but he could not share it.

POPULAR GROUP AT GARDENS.-The ever popular Irish Rovers, who will appear in concert with Tommy Makem (of the Clancy Brothers) and with m.c. Jimmy Kennedy at Toronto's Massey Hall, Sunday evening, March 15th.

the lively arts
THEATRE MUSIC FILM
by D. COHN

* A Superior Court suit recently, asking $450,000 damages, was filed in Los Angeles against Eddie Fisher by screenwriter Ketti Frings, who claimed the singer broke a contract for her to write his biography. Miss Frings said Fisher agreed in 1967 to have her write his biography but that he broke the contract a year later.

* Charles Aznavour has been signed to write the main theme and title song for, Love Story, currently before the cameras in New York. The first location site will be the film company's own Manhattan headquarters at 1501 Broadway. The office of Adolph Zuker, chairman of the board, will be converted into the office of the dean of Harvard Law School for a day. A second office in the Paramount Building, now normally occupied by Norman Flicker, Paramount's eastern production representative, temporarily will become the office of a bank president.

* Barbra Streisand and Yves Montand will star in, On A Clear Day You Can See Forever. Nelson Riddle and a 60-piece orchestra will start scoring the Howard W. Koch-Allan Jay Lerner production.

* For his role as a district attorney in, The Lawyer, actor Harold Gould had to wear a mustache. When Gould reported to the studio just before the film was scheduled to start, he was told his mustache looked too phony, so it was shaved off and Gould wears an artifical one on the film which stars, among others, Barry Newman, a Torontonian.

When Norman was twelve years old, he suffered from severe headaches. His mother took him to a doctor who asked about the youngster's schedule. "He's like any other normal, healthy American boy," she replied. "He attends Latin school until 3:00 p.m., then goes to Hebrew school until five, practises his saxophone until six, eats dinner -- then studies Latin, Greek and history until nine. Perfectly normal, and you ask why headaches?"

* Max Hayward, the translator of Russian literature, asserts that Jewish writers in the Soviet Union live "in a curious limbo, a king of psychological twilight in which their relation to Russian society has been deliberately distorted."

Despite what he described as significant Jewish contributions to Russian literature in this century -- "enormous, in fact, central to the literature of the Soviet Union in the last fifty years" -- Prof. Hayward said writers of Jewish origin were being systematically suppressed.

These remarks, supported in large measure by such authors as Maurice Samuel and Elie Wiesel, were made recently in New York at B'nai B'rith's presentation of its 1970 Jewish Heritage Award, a $1,000 prize, to the late Soviet writer, Isaac Babel. The award was accepted by the writer's daughter, Nathalia Babel.

A prize of $500 was given to Ronald Sanders for his book, The Downtown Jews, which describes Jewish immigration and life on the Lower East Side.

Prof. Hayward said, two of the writers Babel and poet Ossip Mandelstamm "paid with their lives for writing what they felt. Mandelstamm, perhaps the greatest Russian poet of the century, wrote a poem in which he described Stalin as a murderer and bandit." The poet died in a concentration camp four years later.

* Noted the New York Post columnist, Earl Wilson: A diner at a hotel explained why he was moving to Los Angeles: "My doctor recommended a change in pollution."

Also, Gypsies deserve a lot of credit; who else, nowadays, would have the nerve to look into the future?

Another: "A bank in my neighborhood was held up -- the thief got away with two toasters and an electric blanket," thus noting the recent trend of banks giving gifts to new depositors.

* Woody Allen's millions from, Take The Money and Run, and, Play It Again, Sam, and so forth, haven't changed his dressing habits. He still prefers corduroys and chinos to banker's grey, even for business and social events. Woody explains his wardrobe as follows:

"The other day I opened my closet door and discovered a moth had eaten my sports coat. He was lying on the floor, nauseous."

* David Merrick, Broadway producer, who has evinced on occasion a strong dislike of theater critics, denounced the Off Broadway play, Che!

He found the performance patently offensive.

TORONTO AFTER DARK

FABULOUS PERSONALITY

Carole Channing starts a two-week run at O'Keefe Center next Monday, March 16th. She will be supported by "10 stout-hearted men".

NEW DANCE DRAMA

A new contemporary dance drama by Elizabeth Swerdlow is being presented on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings to March 14th. Reflecting the anxiety of a society that uses the past as ritual for the future, and utilizing the complete resources of the actor and dancer together to create its own scope of theatrical ideals this is an entirely new art form being developed by Mrs. Swerdlow, creator of Blue S.A.

CITY LIKES THAW

Despite some unfavorable reviews, many presentations of Spring Thaw '70, at the Playhouse Theatre, have been sellouts. Box office sales indicate there will be a lot more of them. This month already is heavily booked with theater parties. Toronto audiences have decided for themselves; they're thoroughly enjoying the updated version of the 23rd consective edition of Canada's longest running revue. Music, fresh and original, and cast, talented and exuberant, are receiving accolade after accolade of praise from all sources.

APPEARING AT SEAWAY

Barbara McNair, among the world's ten most beautiful women, as regarded by the International Society of Cosmetologists, is appearing at the Seaway Beverly Hill's Hook and Ladder Club.

She is portraying Sidney Poitier's wife in, They Call Me Mr. Tubbs. She also starred in four other motion pictures within an eight-month period.

WINS PRIZE

Milan (JCNS). - Alberto Vigevani, the Jewish author, has gained the Bagutta Prize, Italy's oldest literary award, for his novel, "The Invention".

ARAB FESTIVAL

Tel Aviv (JCNS). - Israel has just held her first Festival of Arab Music, under the auspices of the Jerusalem Broadcasting Service.

There are a number of gifted Israeli-Arab composers in Israel. One of them is Habib Hassan Touma, who studied musicology under an exchange scheme between the Hebrew University and the West German Academic Service, and gained his Ph.D at the Free University of Berlin.

Touma's music has already been performed with success in many countries. It is published in Israel.

From East Jerusalem comes Patrick Lama, the son of a well-known organist. Now studying in Paris, his first compositions were recently broadcast by the Army radio station.

ARAB FOLK MUSIC

The Arab Music Festival, which took place at the Mann auditorium in Tel Aviv was, however, devoted to folk-music, light classical arrangements and popular songs.

The Oriental Orchestra, under the direction of Sudu Mussa, using western and oriental instruments, included Arab musicians and some veteran Jewish immigrants from Baghdad.

There was also a jazz group led by Albert Piamenta, which improvised on traditional Arab tunes.

Six farmers from a village near Nazareth performed traditional dances, and an instrumental ensemble, led by the guitarist-composer, Sidki Shukri, who comes from Acre, played virtuoso selections.

Among the singers, Faisa Rushdi "brought the house down" with her popular melodies, in which the entire audience participated.

Kim Burfield, a South London youngster, who plays the part of Kim in "Bloomfield," a film now being shot in Israel. Kim is seen here hitching a lift to Tel Aviv in an Israeli army command car

HUNGARIAN NOVEL

Budapest (JCNS). - Although the policy of the Hungarian Government is anti-Israeli, it is piquant that the most popular novel so far published in Hungary was about Palestine in the summer of 1947, and was highly sympathetic to the Jewish State.

Called, The Seven Days of Avraham Bogatir, it was written by Gyorgy G. Kardos, and achieved the unusual distinction of going into two hard-cover editions.

The book tells the story of a Jewish farmer of Russian origin, who hides a young Yemeni Jewish member of the underground for a week. During that time, the farmer, Bogatir, pays his first visit for many years to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

After meeting the young Yemeni Jew's parents and an underground leader, and differing with them about the usefulness of underground activities, the farmer returns home, prepared to continue hiding the young Yemeni.

DISMISSED

(JCNS) Mr. Ladislav Zajac, 51, the Jewish editor-in-chief of any Czechoslovak daily has been removed from his post and demoted to an obscure administrative job. He was the founder of the newspaper, Praca, which appears in Bratislava, and had headed it since March, 1946. Praca is the organ of the Slovakian trade union movement.

At the same time, Mr. Zajac also held a number of important posts in political, social and cultural institutions.

The son of a printer, and a dedicated and servile Communist, he had managed until recently to weather all the political storms and upheavals in Czechoslovakia, even including the Soviet occupation and post-Dubcek purges.

His successor at Praca is his former deputy, Mr. Jan Kovacki, 56. During the Second World War he strongly supported the Slovak Republic set up by the Nazis. He is an outspoken antisemite.

MAKING IT A SUCCESS.- Rosemary Radcliffe, one of the stars in Spring Thaw '70, now playing at Toronto's Playhouse Theater.

NEW PERSONALITY AT IMPERIAL ROOM.- Beautiful Dana Valery, Italian singing star and winner of the coveted Milan Song Festival, who is entertaining through Saturday, March 14th, in the Imperial Room of Toronto's Royal York Hotel.

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DR. GEFFEN ANSWERS SHUKRALLAH

Last week Dr. Abba Gefen, Consul-General of Israel in Canada, participated in a public debate with Mr. Ibrahim Shukrallah of the Arab Information Agency, at the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church in Toronto.

He went on,

"You have read often in the Observer the following affirmation: I quote: "The settlement of the Middle East problem should be based on the Security Council's Resolution of November 22, 1967. Israel refuses, while Egypt and Jordan accept this resolution". Well, this is not true.

The truth is that Israel has repeatedly declared that it has accepted that resolution; and stated her readiness to negotiate agreements on all the principles mentioned therein.

On the other hand, President Nasser rejected that resolution, constantly repeating what he said on November 23, 1967: "We will not recognize Israel. We will not make peace with it, or negotiate with it. . . A decision of the Security Council is useless." It is, therefore, clear that the Arabs, not Israel, block peace.

You read in the Observer very often about the Arab refugees. You never read in the Observer about the Jewish refugees from the Arab countries. The Observer also failed to present to its readers the true facts about the Arab refugee problem."

Dr. Gefen continued,

"On October 30, 1967, Mrs. R. G. Nichols, the wife of Rev. Bob Nichols, the United Church Minister in Norwood, sent a letter to the Editor of the Observer who refused to publish it. I would like to read a passage from it: "One hesitates to use the word anti-semitic but it seems to me that I see a subtle brand of it in the Observer."

Unfortunately, even the most horrible holocaust of World War II did not put an ent to the Anti-Semitism. It is true that the word anti-semitism is no longer popular, so our enemies invented a new name for their hatred of Jews: Anti-Zionism, which is Anit-Semitism of a new style only. Those who hold today in their hands the flag of Anti-Zionism are saturated with the same ideologies which caused the genocide of 6 million Jews.

De. Gefen said that,

"In the editorial of the Observer of November 1, 1967, Zionism -- which is the most pure form of national liberation -- was defined as "distressing heresy".

It means that according to the Observer, all nations -- Americans, French, British, Canadians, Russians, Arabs -- everybody is entitled to liberty and independence, except the Jews. For a Jew to want liberty and independence, is according to the Observer, a "distressing heresy".

He went on, "while the Observer has given much distribution to anti-Israel material which comes from Arab sources, its editor refused to publish a Protestant Minister's denial of alleged Israeli atrocities reported by the Observer.

ACTIVE SELF-DEFENCE

The Russians complained recently about our air raids on Cairo. Israel is ready to stop these attacks if the Arabs decide to respect the cease-fire lines. It cannot be a one-way road. We shall continue our active self-defence as long as the Arabs continue to violate the cease-fire and carry out terrorist activities.

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Continuing, Dr. Gefen said that, "an article in the Observer of December 1, 1969, called for the support of the Arab terrorists, who carry out daily terror activities in Israeli supermarkets, apartment buildings, parking lots, university libraries and cafeteries. In its December 15th issue the Observer called openly to send in donations for the terrorists wno throw grenades into crowded Jewish stores, who kill men, women and children in Athens, Munich and other places in the world, hi-jack planes and threaten to kidnap Jewish businessmen; who perpetrate crimes which have evoked the disgust of the enlightened world, such as the recent murderous at-

"The attitude of the Observer," said Dr. Gefen, is "contrary even to a decision taken at a meeting of the United Church General Council in September 1968, which stated: "The State of Israel should be recognized by the Arab nations and be permitted to live in peace, secure from threats or acts of force."

THE ARABS' PSYCHOLOGICAL WEAKNESS

The answer to this question was given by an Arab intellectual and author, the Lebanese Cecil Hourani, who said, I quote,

"We Arabs have a psychological weakness: that which we do not like, we pretend does not exist. Therefore at every debacle we regret that we did not accept a situation which no longer exists. In 1948 we regretted that we had not accepted the 1947 partition plan; in May 1967 we were trying to go back to pre-Suez; today we would be happy -- and are actually demanding at the U.N. -- to go back to things as they were before June 5th. From every defeat we reap a new regret and a new nostalgia, but never seem to learn a lesson. For us Arabs, a victory over ourselves is more important than a physical defeat on the battlefield." Unquote.

WHO ARE THE REAL ENEMIES OF THE ARABS?

Dr. Gefen concluded by saying, "those who consider themselves friends of the Arabs could help them to achieve a victory over themselves and realize that Israel is not their enemy.

The real enemies of the Arabs, those they should be attacking, are hunger, illiteracy, poverty and disease, from which millions of their inhabitants are suffering. They should therefore accept our extended hand for peace. They could then enjoy Israel's economic and technical assistance programs which have won us the appreciation of more than 80 countries on all five continents, especially in Africa, Asia and Latin-America.

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QUESTION:

I am an attractive woman, "fortyish," who looks and acts younger. I've been seeing a man, 50, for over a year. Neither of us has ever been married.

He was serious from the start. Because of the limited selection of men at this stage of my life, and because he is decent and considerate, I decided to give him a chance.

I am very energetic and like to go places. He can just sit around and watch TV. He is constantly tired. I like to look chic in clothes. He couldn't care less. I enjoy spending money for pleasures. He believes money should be spent only for practical things.

Two weeks before my birthday he mentioned the choice of an engagement ring or watch. I wanted the ring. Now he's changed his mind. He doesn't feel it's practical. Though I want an engagement ring, it's not the gift any more that bothers me, but his attitude. He wants to be accepted for the way he is. I feel we both have to bend a little.

Could this obsession with money be a major obstacle in marriage? Should I take what I can get rather then be alone?

ANSWER:

By those whom they choose in friendship or love, people tell a great deal about themselves. Sometimes, they seek an exact duplicate of their own characteristics. Or else, they may look in the other for strengths they feel they don't have, in order to feel more secure and protected. If they are still desired in spite of their weaknesses, they must be more desireable than they give themselves credit for.

Considering marriage to a man because your chances are becoming less, and because you don't want to be left alone, are certainly, as you well know, not good enough reasons for entering into such a relationship.

One would naturally question why the man who wants to marry you would decide an engagement ring is not practical. However, it sometimes happens in situations like this that the girl is given the engagement ring only after she becomes the wife. The man fears that all she wants is the engagement ring, and once she gets it will break off with him, but keep the ring.

Too, by acting younger than you are, you may make him seem older than his years. By his reactions he may be telling you to act your age, and stop being a demanding little girl who wants everything, without taking on responsibility for anything. As you perceive he wants to be accepted for what he is, not for what he has. You see his seeming inability to give as an obsession with money. But he may well see in your demands as to how money should be used an obsession with spending.

You are right that both of you have to bend and give in a little. It could well be that once each of you have attained the security of marriage he will be more giving and less demanding.

Another fact that may be holding him back from giving is the feeling you gave him at the beginning that he is not your type, and that he is your inferior. Since you still criticize and find fault with him, he feels it is his money and not him that you want.

The best way to clear up any doubts or hesitations you have is to communicate with him directly and tell him what bothers you about his behavior. Then listen to his feelings and reactions to your behavior. If you can talk these things out and continue to see each other then a good marriage may be in store for you.

TORONTO CANTOR CHOSEN FOR MAARIV CONCERT.-Cantor Harold Klein of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehudah Synagogue has been selected from among the 800 members of the Cantors Assembly of America to present a Maariv concert on the banquet night of their forthcoming convention at the Concord Hotel on May 10th, 1970 Cantor Klein came to Toronto from New York City where he served as cantor of the Jewish Center for the United Nations for 11 years. The honor of singing before his fellow cantors i sone which has been shared by only the highest-ranking members of the Cantors Assembly. Cantors M. Taube of Pittsburgh; L. Danto of Cleveland and D. Koussevitsky of Brooklyn are some who have been thus honored.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE DAY SCHOOL GRADUATES.-Below are the thirteen 1969 graduates of the United Synagogue Day School. They are: standing, left to right: Jeffrey Perlmutter, Marilyn Parl, Sheri Levin, Aaron Nussbaum, Principal; Harry Kaminker, Agnes Miklos, Miriam Myers, Ronald Frisch: Seated left to right are: Nancy Buck, Josie Zaldin, Wendy Balshin, Sharon Celniker, Suzane Pearl, Michaella Harris.

TORONTO WOMEN'S NEWS

PRIDE OF ISRAEL

The Pride of Israel Sisterhood will hold their annual spring Tea and Fashion Show, Sunday April 5th, at the Pride of Israel Temple, 59 Lissom Crescent, Willowdale. All proceeds are for Charity.

ADATH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

At the next general meeting of the Adath Israel Sisterhood, on Tuesday March 10th, Rabbi Abraham Feinberg, Rabbi Emeritus of the Holy Blossom Synagogue, will review the book "The Promise".

ALPHA OMEGA

The Women's Auxiliary of Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity is sponsoring an art exhibit and sale at the Civic Garden Center, Don Mills on Sunday afternoon March 5th. The proceeds will go to dental projects in Israel.

HOLY BLOSSOM

On Tuesday evening, April 14th the sisterhood of Holy Blossom will present Dr. Eli Mandell, professor of English at York University. His topic will be "The Role of the Writer in Modern Society."

B'NAI B'RITH

B'nai B'rith Women of Toronto will be holding the culminating events of their fund raising year at The New Murray House on Saturday

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B'nai B'rith Women of Toronto held the culminating event of their fund raising House on Saturday evening, February 28th. Mrs. Robert February 28th. Mrs. Robert Strom, President of B'nai B'rith Women, District 22 (Eastern Canada), was honored at this dinner. Anne Strom is a resident of Toronto.

TIFFERET ISRAEL

On Monday, February 23rd at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Victor (Gladys) Pinto, arrangements were discussed for the forthcoming gala Purim dance which will be held on Saturday March 14th at the Shaarei Tefellah Congregation and a childrens' Purim party on Sunday, March 15th at the Adath Israel Congregation.

Mr. Jacob (Anita) Bengio, President of Tiferet Israel Ladies Auxiliary reported that the Closing Dance will take place on Saturday, April 4th at the Pride of Israel Synagogue.

MARRIAGE LOOPHOLE

Haifa (JCNS).-Because Israel's laws concerning personal status do not apply in the occupied territories, Israeli Arabs can commit bigamy without fear of prosecution. This emerged from a case in Nazareth recently.

Walid Aziza, 29, from the village of Daburiya, near Mount Tabor, in Israel, was arrested for going through a form of marriage with a woman in the West Bank town of Jenin, though already legally married.

When he appeared before Nazareth district court, it ruled that it had no jurisdiction in matters concerning offences committed outside Israel.

The accused man had married in 1961. Later, when he wanted to divorce his wife, she refused. So he went to Jenin after the Six-Day War in June, 1967, and married again. He was arrested on his return to Israel.

The moher (bride money payable under Moslem law) is appreciably lower in the occupied territories than in Israel. There may well be, therefore, a succession of bigamous marriages contracted in the occupied areas by Israeli Arabs, who will be able to return home without fear of prosecution.

Recipe for the week

PECANS AND RICE

2 three-ounce cans pecans
8 cups water
Salt to taste
1 cup uncooked rice

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Place the pecans on a baking sheet and bake about 10 minutes until crisp. Take care not to burn the pecans.

Bring the water to a boil and add salt to taste. Add rice gradually and cook 17 minutes, uncovered. Drain in a colander. Pour boiling water over the rice and drain again.

Combine the rice and pecans while hot.

Yield: About three and one-half cups.

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MAYVENS ALL

by Ruthie

It's amazing how everybody today is a mayven (expert) on something. Just make one sneeze unusual, and you know all the answers.

It's a good thing you need a degree before you can hang up a doctor's sign or a law shingle. Otherwise every layman, who read a medical book would have the khutzpah (nerve) to want to operate and every wise guy would argue with the Bench.

Too bad there are no stringent rules for orators and writers. Brother, are we loaded with amateur experts!

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Like, take Mama for example. Not that she pushed herself all over. With her everything came naturally.

She'd insist, it's not nationality but personality that counts. So she was a philozuff (philosopher).

She'd tackle a problem. So, right or wrong, she was a lawyer.

With all the years of experience, she was perfect in sending notes to the teachers -- like, how did Ruthie do today, will you please excuse the 50% in arithmatic because she was sick and couldn't study? So she was a writer.

But she felt best when she didn't blink an eyelash. Her final point was -- in the old Country, when she was a little girl, things were figured out differently. And shoin (finished). Go fight City Hall.

If you asked for directions -- nu, here she was in her element.

A simple question like, how do you get to Klumpish Street (which was only five blocks away), would get an answer like,

"Go to the corner," pointing the way, "then turn right. So you'll see a clock in the barbershop window. Well, don't go that way. Turn the opposite direction and walk two streets."

(She couldn't say right from the start to turn left?)

"Now, after you walk two blocks, you'll come across a church steeple. Well, if you turn left, you'll see a ravine. So instead go right till you get to a dead-end street. And that's Klumpish Street."

Nu, she liked to hear herself talk. But at least she was explicit.

She even came up with a good answer when Papa, in mock dismay, sometimes asked.

"Doesn't your tongue hurt from talking so much? Luzz upp, shoin (leave off, already!)

She retorted right off the bat, "Look, when I was a little girl, I had to mind my mother and father. Now I'm grown up. So if I don't do what I want now, when then? When I'm six feet under, God forbid?"

But that's what made her endearing.

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We also have the other kind of mayven.

Want to make a bet, now that Barbra Streisand had a date with Prime Minister Trudeau, she could be asked to give a speech on Canadian policy?

And Mrs. Pompidou, visiting in the States with her husband, is an example of what the well dressed woman will wear because her wardrobe is filled with the new midi-length skirts.

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There are those who excel in their own field. Trouble is, they don't stay there? So they make silly asses of themselves.

Like the famous musician who recently put his two-cents-worth into the political arena.

* * *

The world is full of people like that. If they only didn't think they knew everything!

But, I guess that's what makes the world interesting.

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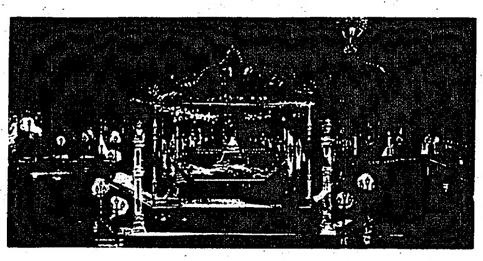

A BRILLIANT SETTING.-Stage design for Franz Lehav's operetta, The Merry Widow, on the lake stage at Bregenz Festival.

A MOST SCENIC SITE.-Hochosterwitz in Carinthia, the model for the castle in Walt Disney's Snow White, and one of Austria's loveliest castles.

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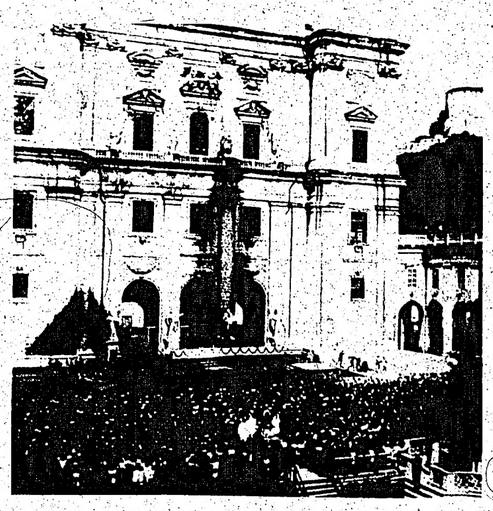

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